

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Telecommunications Coordinators

FROM:

Frank Cavallaro, Manager

Bureau of Communications and Computer Services

DATE:

August 7, 2001

SUBJECT:

Cellular Service Announcement

Central Management Services (CMS), Division of Telecommunications, is pleased to announce Verizon Wireless has been awarded the cellular service contract for the State of Illinois Region I, (previously called Region I and II, see attached map). This contract will run through June 30, 2004 with the state having the option of three additional one-year renewals. As part of this contract, CMS has negotiated lower rates and enhanced services.

Rates:	New Contract	Previous Contract
Monthly Access Per Minute Charge	\$8.525 \$0.11	\$8.80 \$0.154

Enhanced Services:

Free caller ID (digital service required)

Free enhanced voice mail

Free long distance to U.S. cities for calls placed anywhere within the State of Illinois (digital service required)

No roaming charges within the entire State of Illinois (digital service required)

Text messaging and mobile web services now available (digital service required)

In addition to the above-mentioned items, negotiations also resulted in free digital phones, with expanded digital coverage, for our current analog cellular users. Analog users will be contacted regarding the upgrade of their phones. Specifics regarding the expanded digital coverage area are attached.

Transition to the Verizon Wireless Network for customers in the former Region II will be completed during August 2001. Our staff will contact these users to discuss the specifics of this conversion.

Please contact Tracie Cook at (217)557-3304 or Lindsay Harris at (217)557-1652 if you have any questions.

Attachment

